

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend paragraph [0004] as follows:

[0004] Patent U.S. Pat. No. 6,545,265 ~~5,545,265~~ describes the improvement of confocal images by subtracting from one another two confocal images obtained from arrays of microscopic holes having different characteristics. In this patent, the two images may be obtained from selected light coming from disks or from rings in an observed plane. However, the images remain confocal in the sense that the illuminated zone always coincides with the zone from where the selected light comes.